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SUBJECT: HAROLD LEVER VISIT TO BONN

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1. SOURCE IN BRITISH EMBASSY BRIEFED US ON LAST WEEK'S VISIT TO BONN OF PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S ADVISER ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS, HAROLD LEVER. LEVER HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO APPEAR AS SPEAKER, TOGETHER WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, AT A PUBLIC CONFERENCE IN HAMBURG, BUT HIS VISIT TO GERMANY FELL THROUGH BECAUSE OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE EVENT. THE CHANCELLOR, STILL INTERESTED IN A TOUR D'HORIZON WITH LEVER, INVITED HIM FOR A WORKING LUNCH TO BONN. THE DISCUSSION, SAID TO HAVE BEEN DIFFUSE AND RAMBLING, CONCENTRATED ON THE WHOLE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, AND PARTICULARLY THE FAR-REACHING REPERCUSSIONS OF THE SHARP PRICE RISE IN PETROLEUM. SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT LEVER HAS BECOME A "CONVERT" TO INDEXATION, BUT AS WE KNEW, HE DOESN'T REPRESENT THE POSITION OF THE UK GOVERNMENT

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ON THIS QUESTION, WHICH HAD BEEN ENUNCIATED BY

PRIME MINISTER WILSON AT KINGSTON, WHERE HE EXPRESSED A READINESS TO EXAMINE THIS MATTER. SOURCE ADDED THAT, AS WE ALSO KNEW, THE GERMANS ARE OPPOSED TO INDEXATION.

2. SINCE THE MEETING TOOK PLACE ON THE DAY OF THE BRITISH REFERENDUM, THAT SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY BY LEVER AND THE CHANCELLOR, AS WERE THE PROSPECTS FOR THE BRITISH ECONOMY. NOT SURPRISINGLY, SOURCE TOLD US, THE CHANCELLOR DISPLAYED A STRONG PREOCCUPATION WITH THE PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY UP-TURN IN THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

3. LEVER ALSO MET SEPARATELY WITH FINANCE MINISTER APEL, BUT OUR SOURCE WAS NOT INFORMED ON THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.  
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